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**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Hoover:

On June 11, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security received your Public Records Act request for "all emails containing the key word "antifa" for the time period beginning May 1, 2020 and ending June 10, 2020."

Tennessee Code Annotated § 10-7-503(a) provides the following:

- (2)(B) The custodian of a public record or the custodian's designee shall promptly make available for inspection any public record not specifically exempt from disclosure. In the event it is not practicable for the record to be promptly available for inspection, the custodian shall within seven (7) business days:
- (i) Make such information available to the requestor;
  - (ii) Deny the request in writing or by completing a records request response form developed by the office of open records counsel. The response shall include the basis for the denial [emphasis added]; or
  - (iii) Furnish the requestor a completed records request response form developed by the office of open records counsel stating the time reasonably necessary to produce such record or information.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a)(7)(a) and the Department's Open Records Policy, located at <https://www.tn.gov/safety/publicsafety/openrecords.html>, this Office requires proof of Tennessee citizenship to process your request. You can either 1) provide a photographic ID with your Tennessee address, which can be done in person or by mail, fax, or by e-mail, or 2) you can give the Department written authorization, under Departmental Rule 1340-08-01.03(2)(c) to "allow the Department to verify the address through the Department's driver license system if the person does not wish to provide a copy of the driver license or other ID." This will need to be done before the responsive records can be provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 615-251-5123.

Sincerely,

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